the Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996 mandating prior consultations with the affected Gram Sabhas or Panchayats.

Displacement of tribals from Godavari Projects

2856. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate total eventual displacement of tribals from river projects on the river Godavari in the first five years of the said Project;

(b) the threshold figure fixed by Government of the tribals in a contagious area by which the Anthropological Survey of India would give its opinion on dispersal;

(c) which agencies have been empanelled to give a socio-cultural report on the long-term impact of the dispersal, separation and dislocation of a tribal community in these circumstances; and

(d) the steps proposed to ask all State Governments to give a socio-cultural report on impact of sudden and enforced dispersal to tribals?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PR. KYNDIAH): (a) As per information received from Govt, of Andhra Pradesh, approximately 22979 families of tribals from river projects on the river Godavari are required to be displaced in Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Orissa.

(b)The provisions of National Policy on Resettlement & Rehabilitation (NPRR) - 2003 are applicable to projects displacing 500 families or more *en masse* in plain areas or 250 families or more in hilly areas, Desert Development Programme (DDP) Blocks or areas mentioned in Schedule V or Schedule VI of Constitution of India.

(c)Agricultural Finance Corporation Limited and Tribal Research Institute of Andhra Pradesh are the agencies empanelled to give socio-cultural report on resettlement and rehabilitation in respect of Polavaram Dam of Andhra Pradesh.

(d)The draft National Tribal Policy - 2006 envisages exhaustive social impact assessment before initiating a development project.